

Amendments to the Claims:

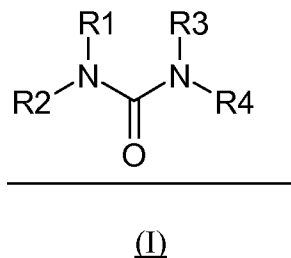
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-15 (cancelled)

Claim 16 (withdrawn): A sorption complex comprising the compound of claim 1 directly linked to the constant region of a Fab fragment of a human IgG of κ -type, or a functional derivative thereof.

Claim 17 (currently amended): A separation matrix for affinity chromatography, comprising ligands coupled to a support, wherein the majority of the ligands are the compounds of ~~claim 1~~, formula (I)



wherein

R₁ is CH₃ or CH₂CH₃;

R₂ is a *para* and/or *meta* substituted phenyl group;

R₃ is H, CH₃ or CH₂CH₃; and

R₄ is a linear or cyclic aliphatic group,

or, wherein

R₁ and R₂ are as stated above while R₃ and R₄ are parts of a 4- to 6-membered cyclic entity,

and which compound has affinity for human IgG of κ -type.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The separation matrix of claim 17, wherein the ligands have been coupled to the support via linkers.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The separation matrix of claim 17, wherein the support is a porous polymeric particle.

Claim 20 (cancelled)

Claim 21 (withdrawn): A system suitable for affinity chromatography, comprising the separation matrix of claim 17 packed in a column.

Claim 22 (new): The separation matrix of claim 17, wherein the compounds of formula (I) is an affinity ligand with affinity for the constant region of a Fab fragment of human IgG of κ -type.

Claim 23 (new): The separation matrix of claim 17, wherein R_1 is CH_3 .

Claim 24 (new): The separation matrix of claim 17, wherein R_2 is a substituted phenyl group having substituents selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, I and O.

Claim 25 (new): The separation matrix of claim 17, wherein the phenyl group of R_2 is substituted in the *para* position with a group $-\text{O}-R_5$, wherein R_5 is either CH_3 or CH_2CH_3 .

Claim 26 (new): The separation matrix of claim 24, wherein the phenyl group of R_2 is substituted with Cl or F in the *meta* position.

Claim 27 (new): The separation matrix of claim 24, wherein the phenyl group of R_2 is substituted with Cl in *meta* and *para* position.

Claim 28 (new): The separation matrix of claim 17, wherein R_4 is an aliphatic group, which includes oxygen atoms in one or more positions.

Claim 29 (new): The separation matrix of claim 17, wherein R₄ is an aliphatic group, which contains one or more carbonyl groups.

Claim 30 (new): The separation matrix of claim 17, wherein R₄ is an aliphatic group which includes a terminating functionality selected from the group consisting of a carboxylic acid, nitrogen, oxygen, sulphur or any derivative thereof.

Claim 31 (new): The separation matrix of claim 17, wherein R₁ is CH₃; R₂ is a phenyl group that has been substituted with Cl in *meta* and *para* position; and R₃ and R₄ are parts of a cyclic 5-membered group.

Claim 32 (new): The separation matrix of claim 31, wherein the cyclic 5-membered entity is substituted in a position directly adjacent to N with a C(O)-O-CH₃ group.

Claim 33 (new): The separation matrix of claim 17, wherein said compounds of formula (I) are capable of binding to the constant region of a human IgG of κ -type, or a functional derivative thereof, with a binding constant of at least 10^{-3} M.

Claim 34 (new): The separation matrix of claim 17, wherein said compounds of formula (I) are capable of binding to the constant region of a human IgG of κ -type, or a functional

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derivative thereof, via a binding pocket-defined by the structure coordinates of the amino acids as shown in Fig 6.